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The President's Page

Dorothy C. Baber, CSNA 1577

May 3, 1987, saw the wrap-up of yet another California State Numismatic Association Semi-Annual Convention. this one being the 80th, held at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco, May 1, 2, and 3. San Francisco weather even cooperated; though a bit windy, the sun was visible most of the time.

David Cieniewicz, the very capable, personable and hard-working president of Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, served as the General Chairman of this convention, which was the ninth hosted by PCNS. Sincere appreciation is extended to David and his competent committee for all their efforts in making the 80th semi-annual convention the success that it was.

This convention will always be a special one for me, as it was here that I was installed as the 22nd President of California State Numismatic Association, and doubly memorable since my husband, Al did the honors as installing officer. I sincerely thank the members for placing this confidence in me, and electing me to this prestigious office, and I will do my best to keep California State Numismatic Association on an upward spiral.

A number of things transpired at the business meetings during the three days that will be of interest to the general membership: announcement of the 81st Convention sponsored by the Upland Coin Club, to be held in Ontario, California's Red Lion Inn on November 6, 7, and 8, 1987. This will be an informal convention, according to general chairman, Lee Kuntz, with a western theme and members will be urged to dress appropriately. San Jose Coin Club will be sponsoring the Spring 1988 convention, May 20-22, with an increased number of bourse tables, to quote Ken Barr, general chairman. Looking a little further into the future, we have San Bernardino County Coin Club as the host club for the Fall of 1988, and Bill Grant will be serving as General Chairman. They also plan on the Red Lion Inn in Ontario as the site. Naturally, more and exciting particulars will be given as the time approaches.

The new board has some other achievements in mind, starting with the acceptance of sponsorship for exhibit awards, and at this time, we have already received pledges for seven of the categories. Especially encouraging for Juniors will be the division for ages — with those under 13 years of age in one category, and over the age of 14 in another category. With this in mind, we hope to see more Junior participation if a very young numismatic exhibitor does not have to compete with a "near-adult" exhibitor.

Plans are in the mill for publication of a second volume of 'Money Talks'. Volume 1 of the anthology of articles from Calcoin News was and still is a most popular book. Look for more information on this project.

This should be enough to create an interest in keeping you involved in Cal-State activities.

Again, thanks for letting me take care of the gavel for the next two years.

Dorothy C. Baber, President

Editorially

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TO ALL CLUB SECRETARIES:

When you send your final NCW report to ANA, please send a copy to Dan Shattuc, Chairman of the California National Coin Week Committee, P.O. Box 70866, Sunnyvale, CA 94086. This applies to both club and individual reports. Be sure to include the participants' ANA membership numbers, pictures of the display if possible, or anything else pertinent to the exhibit. The ANA will, again this year, issue an appreciation bronze medal for your efforts.

To those who are **not** ANA members, but do participate in spreading the educational benefits of National Coin Week, they will issue an appropriate certificate for your entries.

If you did not "get around to it" this year, plan to join in next year. The benefits derived from National Coin Week can be many fold. Spending some time near your display and talking to the people who stop to look at it is a bonus for your NCW effort. The majority of the general public know very little about the inner workings of our Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the U.S. Mint or the Federal Reserve Banking System and distribution of our coinage. This is a good opportunity to pass on the information about our hobby, the local club meetings. Plan to participate in '88.

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Through the *Numismatic Glass*

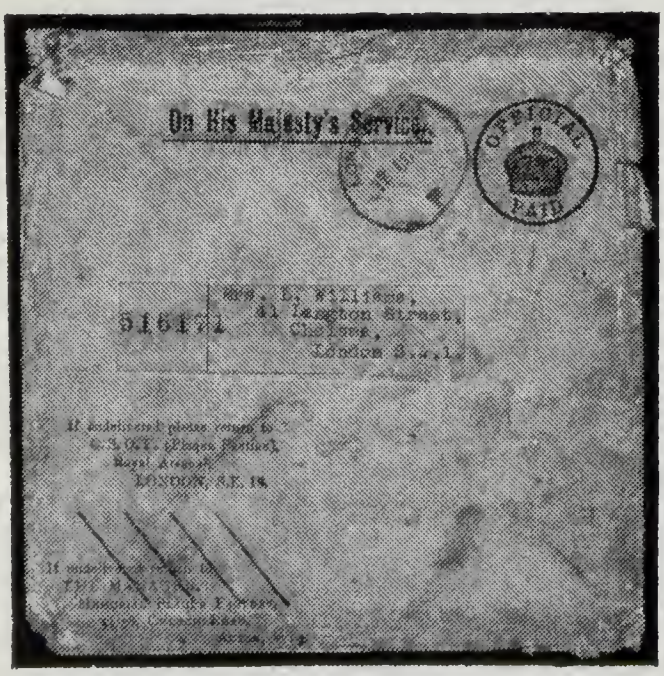
WORLD WAR 1 CAST MEMORIAL PLAQUE FOR BRITISH SERVICE VETERANS WHO FOUGHT IN THE "WAR TO END WARS" AND GAVE THEIR ALL

OBVERSE: *HE DIED FOR FREEDOM AND HONOR* above the top of the huge medallion (5′ inches). Standing at left is Britannia guarded by the British lion. In a eartouche′ at the right is the reeipient's name, in this case George Williams. Two dolphins ean be seen in the baekground at about the 9:30 and 12:30 positions. At the base is a winged lion. At the tip of the tail of the lion is number 15. In front of the lion is a sprig with unreadable letters at the end of the braneh.

REVERSE: Is left blank so that as a table-top medallion all information will show.

This huge presentation was issued for many years after the Armistice beeause of deaths from wounds reeeived in the war. The pieces were sent to the person listed as the benefieiary by the servieeman. This one was mailed to Mrs. L. Williams, 41 Langton Street, in the Chelsea area of London SW1, on Oetober 12, 1921. They were mailed in offieial (franked) envelopes with a return address to the plaque division in London SE 18.

The plaque section must have produced at least one million of these huge pieees, 908,400 for those lost in the war and then a reserve of at least 10% for those men lost after the war was over. To realize why so many British soldiers died in the treneh es, one must only reeall Field Marshall Haig's famous statement that no good eavalry eharge eould be stopped by a machine gun. With a philosophy sueh as this, it is no wonder that so many young lives were wasted.



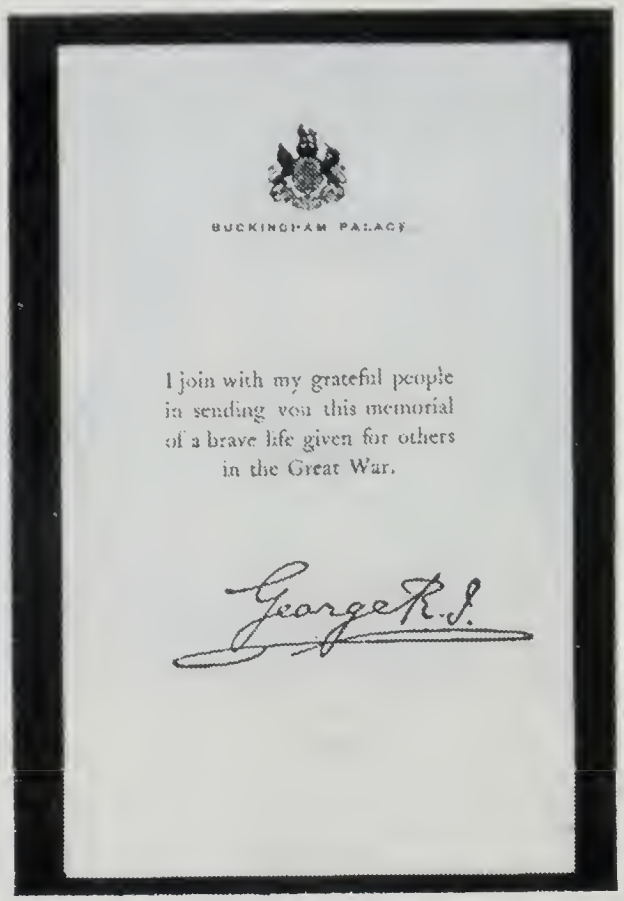
The package used for posting the memorial decoration. The plaque itself is inserted into still another holder.

Below, on the preceding page is the package in which this and other examples were sent. The paper stock was extremely thick, not only for the weight of the award, but to allow strength for forwarding the pieces which was certainly a possibility because of the years of delay in death involved in many cases.

Enclosed with each posthumous issue was a note from the King. The note was signed unofficially. This personally hand-signed notation was just one more way to make each award a more personal, rather than formal recognition for the loss. The note was sent from Buckingham Palace and read, "*I join with my grateful people in sending you this memorial of a brave life given for others in the great war.*"

This decoration was not a victory medal because his Majesty's Government, following the Allied tradition, also issued victory medals. This was a special medallion issued only to those who made the extreme sacrifice. The only comparable issue in the United States in a recent war might be the "Gold Star" banner displayed by mothers who lost a child during World War II.

While these honorable awards are not rare, they are hard to acquire because of the sentimental value of the pieces. This is just one more example of how historic and meaningful numismatic items can be saved by the collector.


BUCKINGHAM PALACE

I join with my grateful people in sending you this memorial of a brave life given for others in the Great War.

George R.I.

Here is the informal note enclosed with each award.

35th Anniversary Numismatic News

"Our goal is to produce a significant product that not only reflects the growth of Krause Publications and Numismatic News in relationship to the coin hobby throughout the past 35 years, but also to provide a highly informative look at where the coin hobby is heading as we approach the 1990s," said Clifford Misher, publisher.

The special issue will be mailed in mid-August as a bonus to all current subscribers, plus more than 100,000 additional hobbyists.

Some of the items included will be a two-part look at the evolution of the "Coin Market" by Bob Wilhite; evaluation of the last four decades of token and medal collecting by Mishler and the same by Alan Herbert regarding error and variety collecting. There will be an article on methods of storing and preserving coins; review of coins as an investment medium; a look at grading; how the computer will be used in the hobby, security and much, much more.

This special issue promises to be not only an affectionate glance back through the past 35 years of numismatics, but also a valuable reference that collectors will want to hold onto. Be sure to get YOUR copy!

19th CSNA Symposium

The recent annual All-Day Educational Symposium was enjoyed by more than 125 numismatists and friends. The programs were varied and each one had much to offer the true collector. CSNA would like to thank the speakers for their time and for sharing their expertise.

Plan now to attend the 1988 Symposium, March 19, 1988 to be held at the same location, Griswold's Inn, Fullerton, California.

Moderator Charles Colver is shown at left. Speakers, from the left, are: William F. Spengler, Harold Donald, Kenneth Bressett, Ed Fulwider, John Ballard and Charles V. Kappen.

There were seven displays for attendees to view. Thanks to the following: **Eric Millman** 12th World Cup Soccer Coins from Sapin; **John Lenker** - Two Dollar Bills Are Fun; **Al Baber** - South Africa Republic; **Kay Lenker** - A Special Medal; **Al Hall** - Some Silver Odd and Curious from Siam; **Virginia Hall** - The Royal Wedding Coin; and **Phil Iversen** - Currency Worth Noting.

Six young numismatists took part in the day's activities and received some interesting items for their collections. CSNA thanks the Numismatic Association of Southern California and the California Numismatic Coordinating Council for their assistance with the Young Numismatists.

Shown from left to right: Kim Curlett, Fontana; Melissa Rentz, Lisa and Alan Chrzanowski, San Bernardino; Michael Reiter, Highland; and Keith Kokoszka of Oceanside - Carlsbad. G.A. "Corky" Ayers, Coordinator of Youth Activities, is shown at the right.

Who's Who in Cal-State Numismatics

Marian A. Sinton

CSNA 3602

I am what was once considered a rarity: a native Californian. Born in San Francisco, I moved down to the Peninsula at the grand old age of two weeks and have lived in the Bay Area ever since.

From childhood on, I was destined to become a collector. I gathered rocks, shells, feathers — you name it — I collected it! I even showed signs of numismatic interest by saving shiny, new coins as well as nice, birthday money. When I went to Europe for the first time, I was entranced by the English coins which still circulated, bearing portraits of long-dead monarchs all the way back to Queen Victoria, and of course, I saved those.

I was still completely ignorant of "numismatics" until the day I spotted the inevitable Lincoln cent album in a stationery store. From there I followed the usual path of the beginning collector, filling up the holes, learning from the Red Book, then going on to other denominations, etc. Oh, yes, in those days, you could almost complete a modern collection from circulation. For the empty holes, I discovered the local coin shop. I remember buying bags of "pennies" from the Burlingame Treasurer after the coins had been taken from parking meters. It was marvelous fun going through 5,000 "pennies" and finding all kinds of goodies, including a 1909-S VDB and a 1914-D. That's how I discovered error coins, an aspect of numismatics I have enjoyed ever since.

It was about this time that I re-discovered English coins, which eventually became my main interest, with special enthusiasm for the early hammered coinage. There were also the British Trade Tokens, and most recently, I have developed a keen interest in Ancient Greek and Roman coins. There is always something new and fascinating "just around the corner" in Numismatics.

I have been active in our local coin club, the Liberty Numismatic Society, and have served as President, Treasurer, and at present, as Secretary. When Liberty was host club for CSNA two years in a row in San Francisco, I served as the Luncheon Chairman, and you can usually find me at the Registration Desk whenever CSNA comes to town.

My other real enthusiasm is for acting, and the performances often conflict with, and, because "the show must go on," preclude participation in certain coin related activities. That's why I have **never** been able to attend a Fall CSNA convention in Southern California. I have been performing every single year at that time. One of these days, I will be there for sure!

Going to coin conventions caters to another love of mine, travel. This past summer, after the ANA in Milwaukee, I went up to the Arctic in the Northwest Territories of Canada and spent two weeks in the snow and ice, and on the tundra.

I am still an incurable collector (some might say "junkman") and am a sucker for old books and archeology items. I even collect matchbooks. I do **not,** however, save string!!

Begorra, The "Cob" — It's Irish!

BY DR. CHARLES W. ABY, CSNA 1390

Would you believe it? "Cob" is not derived from "cabo de barra"... the tip or end of a bar!

When I first heard about "cobs" they sounded interesting and seemed to be well named. Somewhere in the back of my mind "cob" seemed to mean "lumps". I associated the word with something I had either read or heard as a child. Cob coal? A nondescript horse? It never occurred to me to wonder about the derivation of the word.

As I progressed in the collection of Mexican coins, I read Dr. Pradeau's "Numismatic History of Mexico" and found, in a footnote on his page 42, that he attributed the word "cob" to a contraction of the Spanish phrase "cabo de barro", meaning the end or tip of the bar.

As time went on, I found that "cob" was a term used exclusively in England. In Spanish, these coins always alluded to as "macuquinas".

It seemed incongruous, to me, that a term should be coined by Spanish-speaking people and used only by the English.

The literature and pictures of minting which I came across always showed the coining operation as being struck on pieces cut from a hammered sheet, while Dr. Pradeau's footnote refers to an invention which consisted of a way of making round or nearly round silver bars which could be cut with scissors into planchets or blanks of approximately the desired weight and thickness to be struck into coins.

After Philip II, very few of the coins from Mexico are circular in shape, and many if not most of those from the other mints of the New World are of fantastic shapes. Thus it would appear the round bar method did not prevail.

The only ingots of silver and gold which I have seen pictured from that era are bowl shaped. Certainly it was possible that elongated bars could have been cast, and pieces cut from the end of such ingots, but the pieces . . . even after being struck . . . would necessarily show some evidence of having been cast. None of the pieces I have owned or seen showed any evidence of having been cast. (I'm talking now about genuine reales de a ocho, and not about modern cast counterfeits.)

It then occurred to me it would be highly improbable that the ordinary English-speaking person, being poorly educated in his own English language and not knowing anything about coin manufacturing, would reach for a Spanish word which he could not reasonably have known to exist. It would be much more likely he might have given these coins a cognomen because of their appearance.

So, off to the dictionary!
Webster's had a short definition: Cob. 1-A coarse lump. 2-A substandard horse.
The American Heritage Dictionary: A coarse lump.
I then began to express my opinion that perhaps "cabo de barra" was in error.

A short discussion with Dr. Pradeau brought the reply that it was considered opinion of the best sources available to him at the time that "cabo de barro" was the probable origin of "cob". I then was referred to The New (Oxford) English Dictionary by an erudite friend. There I found the following:*"Cob, sb-1. II. Containing the notion 'rounded', a 'roundish mass', or 'roundish lump.'*

"6. A small heap or lump of something (S. Cheshire Folk - sp); 'a cob of dirt'.

"7. Applied to various roundish or lumpy pieces, as a 'cob of coal'.

"Cob, sb-5 (perhaps identical with COB sb-1, sense I, as the biggest silver coin). A name given in the 17th and 18th centuries in Ireland, and subsequently in some British colonies and possessions to the Spanish dollar or piece-of-eight."

1672 AD — PETTY. *"Pol Anat"*. 350 — "Spanish pieces of eight, called cobs in Ireland."

1681 AD — DINELEY — *"Trans. Kilkenny Archeological Society, Ser. II" "The most usual money is Spanish Coyne known here by the name of a cob, an half cob, and a quarter cob."*

1784 AD — T. SHERIDAN. "Life Swift" — *"He . . . poured out the contents, which were silver cobs, upon the table."*

1822 AD — Kelly, "Cambist" — *The Spanish dollar circulating at Gibraltar is commonly called a cob."*

1856 AD — THOREAU, "Cape Cod" — *"Pieces of silver called cob-money."*

1868 AD — LOSSING, "Hudson" — *The old silver coins occasionally found at Fort Edward are called 'cob-money' by the people."*

The New Century Dictionary: *Cob. (Origin obscure) a roundish mass, lump, or heap (now, chiefly provincial English) . . . the old Spanish dollar or peso, a name formerly in use in Ireland, and still at Gibraltar.*

All this, then, brings me to the conclusion that "cob" derives from a respectable English word which means what it is supposed to mean . . . an unsightly lump, dear to the heart of a collector!

Additional Information:

It was during the reign of Phillip III that the so-called cob money was provided for. This class of money was made by cutting off sections from rudely rolled silver bars and then struck by hammer from crude dies. The first reference to "cob" money is found in a list of books on the subject of coinage in the *New World*, entitled *"Bibliografia Numismatica Colonial Hispano-Americana,"* 1912, by Jose Toribio Medina of Santiago, Chile. This refers to a contract between the King and a Doctor Vellerino for the application of an invention (of Miguel de la Cerda, deceased), for the striking of coins cut by scissors from silver bars, this method to be applied in the five existing mints of the Indias, namely: Mexico, Lima, Potosi, Santa Fe and Santo Domingo of the Isla Espanola. This contract was made at Madrid, on August 9, 1598.

REFERENCE: *Julius Gutag Collection of Latin American Coins by Edgar H. Adams.*

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above is offered as an extension to the article which appeared in *Calcoin News,* Winter, 1987 issue, *"The Treasure from Lucayan Beach"* by Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald, (see page 11).

SPOTLIGHT IN THE

West Valley Coin Club, CSNA C-809

Dateline: March 6, 1955, Chatsworth, California.

Thirteen San Fernando Valley numismatists met at the home of Ruth and Norm Johnson to organize a "West Valley" coin club and appoint temporary officers. The club was tentatively called "The West Valley Coin Club", a name made official in 1956. James Dalton was appointed President; Jerry Kimble, Vice President; Ruth Johnson, Secretary; Betty Burkhart, Treasurer; Mary Ellen Newell, Publicity; and Norm Johnson, Sgt.-at-Arms. Regular meetings took place on the 4th Sunday of each month at the Chatsworth Community Center. All present including newly elected Board Members, George Baude', Lucky Wollard, John Collver and Bruce Tompkins were enthusiastic and agreed to do all possible to make the new coin club a success - a tradition that has never faltered over the years.

By West Valley's second anniversary, attendance had grown from 6 to 166, with membership at 62. "THE WVCC *COIN* (Club of Interested Numismatists) monthly newsletter was born with Lucky Wollard as the editor.

In June, 1959, club members came up with a great idea: a club-sponsored show called a COIN-A-RAMA. Seven hundred people attended the first one on Sunday, September 27, 1959 at Carpenter's Hall in Reseda. Featured were continuous numismatic talks, 30 dealer bourse, an auction conducted by George Bennett, exhibits, and a U.S. gold drawing. West Valley commemorated their 25th COIN-A-RAMA anniversary in 1984.

REVERSE

OBVERSE

West Valley issued its first club medal in 1965 which incorporated the club's new logo design by contest winner Leonora Donald. The club issued its second medal in 1986 at the request of President Kay Northam as our contribution to the Statue of Liberty celebration. WVCC has also issued numerous woods over the years. A complete series from 1¢ to $1 "good-fors" were issued in 1968.

WVCC has received a number of local and national honors over the years: ANA National Coin Week Recognition from 1976 to 1984; ANA Service Award assisting the 1975 LA convention; NASC's President's Trophy for Most Outstanding Club Bulletin in 1979, 1984 and 1985; and NLG's Best Club Publication nationally for 1985.

After 30 years the WVCC membership stands at 161. Under the chairmanship of Dr. Walter Ostromecki and Kay Northam our club hosted the 79th semi-annual CSNA convention in 1986 which honored the 80th anniversary of the Denver Mint.

West Valley Coin Club honors the Statue of Liberty on its centennial

The 1987 officers are: President, Jerry Schreckengost; 1st V.P., Reigh Roelofs; 2nd Vice President, Arnold Micon; Recording Secretary, Mary Yahalom; Corresponding Secretary and Editor, Dr. Walter Ostromecki; and Treasurer, Marin Ostromecki. Directors are Kay Northam (P.P.), Paul Borack, Dillon Frost, Maurice Getz, with Alternates: Norm Johnson and Bob Northam. Trustees (must be a past president) George Baude', Harold Donald and Harry Shirk.

The highest honor paid to individuals within the club for service, devotion to duty and dedication is a Life Membership. This elite club now stands at 18, in order of honor bestowed they are: Norman Johnson, Ruth Johnson*, Warren Overlin, Mary Ellen Newell, Paul Newell, Lucky Wollard, George Price*, Harold Donald, Leonara Donald, Harry Shirk, Peggy Hurst, Clark Hurst*, Phyllis Duncan Ellis*, Joseph R. Miller*, George Baude', Cliff Roth*, Murray Singer and Dr. Walter Ostromecki. (* deceased)

Two Honorary Memberships have been given by the club: William O. Wisslead, 1976 and Dr. John Venable, 1986.

Meetings are still held on the 4th Sunday of each month at 2:00 P.M. in the Reseda Woman's Club, 7901 Lindley Ave., Reseda, CA. Dues are $5.00 a year for adults; $1.00 for Juniors. Currently there are only 7 young numismatists on our roster, but in our hey-day of the 60's, WVCC had their own junior club within the club.

To sum it up in the words of our only 4-time past president, Paul Newell, "We are always having fun with our hobby, so why not join us!"

— Dr. Walter Ostromecki

New Titles in the Library . . .

C-9 CHANDLER, Robert J., *San Francisco Clearing House Certificates. Last of California's Private Money.* 1986. Unpaged, Illus.

E-3 EITEMILLER, David J., *Historic Tours: The Denver Mint, the story of the mint from the gold rush to today.* 1983. 41 pp., illustrated.

G-30 GRUBIAK, Olive and Jan. *The Guernsey Experiment.* 1980. 34 pp.

K-6a KAPPEN, Charles V., *California Tokens.* Reprinted 1986. 754 pp., illustrated.

Mc-2 McINNES-BETTON, Ian. *The Scottish Minstrel . . . A sad tale of the life and times of Jamie Fleeman.* Originally published in 1831, reprinted by the Society for International Numismatics, 1987. 83 pp.

O-7 OPITZ, Charles J., *Odd and Curious Money.* Descriptions and values. 1986. 87 pp., illustrated.

R-34a ROCHETTE, Edward C. *The Other Side of the Coin.* 1985. 151 pp., illustrated.

R-34b ROCHETTE, Edward C. *Making Money.* 1986. 107 pp., illustrated.

A View From Cathedral Hill

Over a thousand visitors attended the 80th Convention sponsored by the California State Numismatic Association in San Francisco. The show featured a bourse of 65 dealers, and as one dealer said, "It was a good, lively show."

General Chairman Dave Cieniewicz reported at the Executive Board Meeting Thursday evening, everything was going well. Friday brought in numerous interesting displays which were handled by Exhibit Chairmen Al and Virginia Hall. [list of award winners elsewhere in this issue]

The Friday Luncheon was a diversion from yesteryear as about thirty numismatists gathered at the Vera Cruz Restaurant across the street from the Cathedral Hill for a Mexican Fiesta at noon time. They were treated to a rare performance by the manager who played the spoons and then tapped out an upbeat tune on partially filled bottles. Speaker George H. Harlan told the history of the *S.S. Eureka* which was pictured on the convention poster.

Luncheon hostess, Kay Lenker, Speaker, George Harlan and Gen. Chrm. Dave Cieniewiez.

An interesting educational forum under the direction of Rick Webster was held Friday night. Speakers were Cal Wilson on "An Overview of Numismatic Books" and Benj Fauver on "Game Counters".

Saturday had a good lineup of club meetings: Northern California Wooden Money with Moderator Bill Feist; California Exonumist Society, moderated by President Al Baber with Speaker Charles Kappen on "California Midwinter Fair"; International Primitive Money Society, Moderated by John Lenker, speaker Albert Hall on "Strange Money of Siam"; Early American Coppers, Moderator Bill Weber, and Liberty Seated Collectors Club conducted by David Lange.

CES Speaker Charles Kappen with President Al Baber.

The Young Numismatists program was held at noon with speaker Ed Fulwider who spoke on "An Introduction to Coin Manufacturing at the San Francisco Mint."

Albert Hall, speaker for Primitive Money Society

The CSNA General Business Meeting was held at 2:00 p.m. where the election results were announced. [See the recap elsewhere in this issue.]

Frank and Elaine Strazzarino hosted the awards banquet in the Japanese Pavilion Saturday night. Ruth Phillips served as Master of Ceremonies and was surprised when Krause Publications West Coast Representative Charles Colver

presented her with a well-deserved Numismatic Ambassador Award.

Ruth Phillips receives the Krause Publications Numismatic Ambassador Award from Charles Colver.

Literary awards were announced by *Calcoin News* Editor Virginia Hall. First place medal went to Bryan Burke for his article *"Washington Before Boston Medallion"*; Stephen Huston received the Second Place medal for his article *"Coinage of the Seige of Landau"*. Honorable Mention certificates and convention medals were awarded to Nora Hussey for *"A Salute to the Denver Mint"*; Olga Widness for *"Inside the Granite Lady"*; Launie Wright for *"Black Americans Honored in Numismatics"*; Cory Gillilland for *"Our National Numismatic Collection"*; and Dr. Walter Ostromecki, jr. for *"The Yellow Aster Story"*.

Stephen Huston receives Bronze Medal from Virginia Hall, Calcoin News Editor.

Outgoing President O.L. Wallis announced the recipient of CSNA's highest award - The Medal of Merit - to Don T. Thrall who received a standing ovation from everyone in the room.

CSNA's highest honor, The Medal Of Merit, was presented to Don T. Thrall by outgoing President, O. L. Wallis.

Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. sharp, a group gathered in the coffee shop for a farewell breakfast. Hosted by O.L. Wallis, this is the time when Past Presidents and others get together for a recap session to review the convention just past and coordinate upcoming shows.

We salute Dave Cieniewicz and his hard-working committee for a smooth running convention: Assistant General Chairmen, Becky Cieniewicz and Stephen Huston; Bourse Coordinator, Bill Grant; Assistant Bourse Coordinator, Freddie Grant; Bourse Chairman, Don Thrall; Security and Junior Forum, Ed Fulwider; Photographer and Banquet M/C, Ruth Phillips; Publicity, Gary Clement; Historian, Joan Crummey; Forum Moderator, Rick Webster; Luncheon Chairman, Kay Lenker; Banquet Chairmen, Frank and Elaine Strazzarino; Awards Chairman, Stephen Huston; Exhibit Chairmen, Al and Virginia Hall; Hotel Liaison and Breakfast Host, O.L. Wallis; Chief Judge, Charles Colver; Judges, Ron Ikege and John Meyer; Registration Chairman, Bill Davis; Assistants at Registration, Ethel Lenhert, Bill Morgan, Henry Evans, John Meyer, Marian Sinton, Dave Lange, Ray Hollasch, Gary Clement, Bob Schoeppner, Paul Holtzman, Dorothy Baber, Ken Barr and Mike Pererkrestenko.

25 Year Medal Recipients for the Years 1962 Through 1987

1182 Stephen Album
1187 (LM 16-6) Darvin L. Reiswig
1194 Coin Gallery of San Francisco
1195 Pajaro Valley Coin Club
1202 Albertus Hoogeveen
1203 Douglas E. Robinson
1229 Richard E. Martin
1237 Albert L. Baber
1248 Gordon K. Short
1256 (LM-16-5) William H. Barrett
1265 Southeastern Sierra Coin Club
1268 Int. Numis. Soc. of San Diego
1270 Nelson L. Slagle
1273 Elden Leasure
1275 (LM 16-7) James D. Lewis
1281 Fred W. Gutekunst, M.D.
1309 G.A. Ayers
1328 Irv. F. Brotman
1331 (LM 16-3) T.W. Thompson
1333 Gwendolyn J. Sentis
1341 (LM 16-4) Frederick L. Rawling

Election Results for 1987 / 1989

There were 570 ballots received and counted with results listed below:

	Votes
President: *Dorothy Baber	541
Vice President: *Ed Fulwider	535
Secretary: *Ethel Lenhert	541
Treasurer: *Don Thrall	535
Directors: (South of the Tehachapis)	
*Kay Lenker	347
*Tom Fitzgerald	343
*Larry Baber	331
*G.A. 'Corky' Ayers	296
*G. Lee Kuntz	287
Phil Iversen	248
Harold Katzman	213
Angus Bruce	195
Eric Millman	181
Directors: (North of the Tehachapis)	
*Ken Barr	361
*Steve Huston	353
*Dave Cieniewicz	297
Jerry Carsman	234

*Elected

50 Years For Assay Office

The gray-granite building that sits on a hill just off Market Street in San Francisco is surrounded by a 10-foot fence with guards and is held in awe by the general public.

Carved in stone over the front doors are the words *E. Pluribus unum*. The proper name for the building is currently the San Francisco Assay Office, but numismatists are endeavoring to have it changed to a full mint facility.

On May 15, 1987, the building celebrated 50 years since it began stamping out coins in 1937, and for the first time visitors were allowed to tour the production floor. A total of 2,100 was admitted that day only, in groups of 35. Visitors saw production of proof sets since circulated coins are not presently being struck at that facility.

Also being produced here are one-ounce American Eagle silver dollars. Since last November, when Treasury Secretary James A. Baker kicked off the 'first-strike' ceremonies with a shout of, "Hi-ho, Silver, away!" 9 million coins have been sold.

Visitors found they had to empty their pockets of coins before being allowed to enter - something the regular employees who work there must do every day. They cannot come out with any, either.

Going into production in June, 1987 will be a commemorative silver dollar marking the 200th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution.

Exhibit Awards

A. United States
1st David Lange - *Seated Liberty Half Dollars of the San Francisco Mint*
2nd Gary Acquistapace - *Eisenhower Dollars*
3rd Earl Dale - *Roosevelt Dimes*

B. Ancient & Medieval
1st Kay Lenker, *Ancient & Medieval Japanese*

C. Modern Foreign
1st Gary Acquistapace - *Silver Pesos of Modern Mexico*
2nd Freddie Grant - *A Special Angel*

D. Substitutes for Money
1st Ken Barr - *Gold Love Tokens*
2nd John Lenker - *Yap Stone Money*

E. Currency
1st *Colonial Currency Worth Noting of the 13 Original States*

F. Orders and Decorations
None

G. Medals
1st William J. Grant - *Remembering Apollo XI*

H. Miscellaneous
1st Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald - *Wooden Medals & Plaques of the 1876 Centennial Exposition*
2nd Phil Iversen - *Liberty Centennial*
3rd Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald - *The Other Bridge*

I. Juniors
1st - Tommy Carolan - *U.S. Silver 1986 Statue of Liberty Coins*
2nd Kelly Carolan - *Susan B. Anthony Dollars*
3rd Dino Daniels - *Carnegie Hero Medal #3107*

Best of Show - Albert L. Baber Award
David Lange - *Seated Liberty Half Dollars of the San Francisco Mint*

Best Junior - Abe Kosoff Award
Tommy Carolan - *U.S. Silver 1986 Statue of Liberty Coins*

Best Exonumia - California Exonumist Society
Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald - *Wooden Medals & Plaques of the 1876 Centennial Exposition*

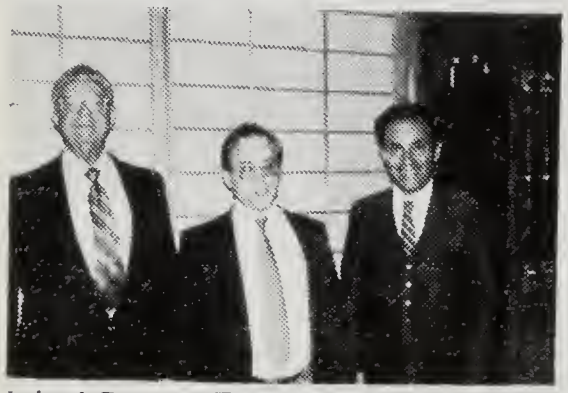
Best Wooden Money - Northern California Wooden Money
Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald - *Wooden Medals & Plaques of the 1876 Centennial Exposition.*

Thanks to Douglas Daniels who received Honorable Mention for his nice display of Memorabilia of the Columbian Exposition 1892-1893.

Invitational
Charles Colver - *Tropico: Now & Then*
John Lenker - *Error Yap Money* and PCNS Numismatics
Albert Hall - *Silver Odd & Curious of Siam* and *Will Rogers Memorabilia*
Virginia Hall - *U.S. Constitution - 200 years.*

Convention Camera

by Ruth Phillips, CSNA 1942



United States - Earl Dale, 3rd; David Lange, 1st; Gary Acquistapace, 2nd.

Best of Show - David Lange receives the Albert L. Baber award from Stephen Huston.

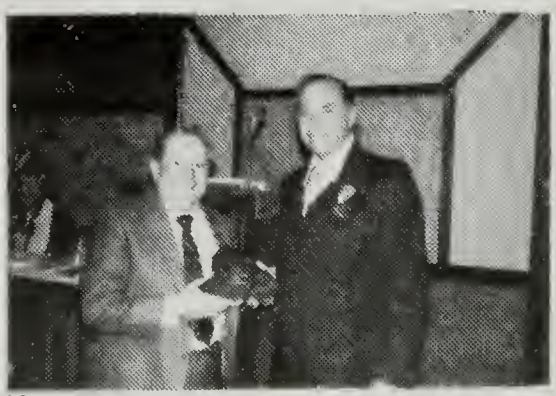
Modern Foreign - Gary Acquistapace, 1st; Freddie Grant, 2nd.

Miscellaneous - Phil Iversen, 2nd; Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald, 1st and 3rd.

Ancient-Medieval - Kay Lenker, 1st

Medals - Wm. J. Grant, 1st

Sub. for Money - Ken Barr, 1st; John Lenker, 2nd.



Calif. Woodcn Moncy Assoc. - Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald receives wood plaque from O. L. Wallis.

New officers wish Past President Bryan Burke a Happy Birthday: Back row, l - r: Tom Fitzgerald, Stephen Huston, Dave Cieniewicz, Kay Lenker, G. Lee Kuntz and Ken Barr. Front row, l - r: Don Thrall, O.L. Wallis, Dorothy Baber, Ed Fulwider and Ethel Lenhert.

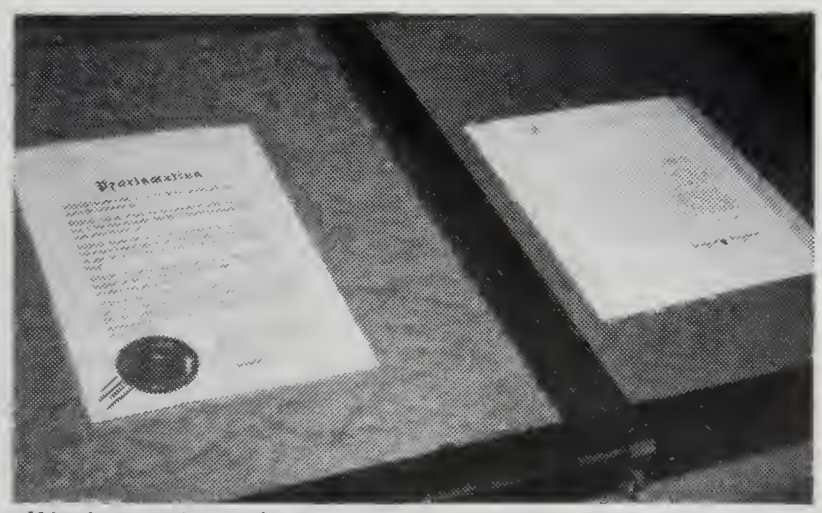
General Chairman Dave Ciewiewicz receives convention medal set from President O.L. Wallis.

Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald accepts C.E.S. Best of Show from President Albert L. Baber.

Registration committee Ken Barr, Bill Davis and Gary clement assist Harold Katzman sign up.

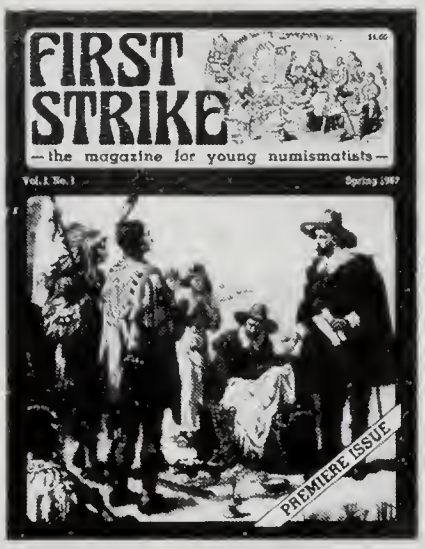
Best of show Junior winner: Tommy Carolan

Friends enjoy 'Breakfast at the Hill'.



National Coin Week proclamations from San Francisco Mayor Diane Feinstein and Governor George Deukmejian.

From the Numismatist:



Young collectors will benefit from the new Y.N. magazine, *First Strike*, published by the American Numismatic Association. It will be mailed free of charge to all ANA Young Numismatists as part of their annual dues.

The Spring 1987 issue, Vol. I, No. 1 contains a myriad of articles designed for the beginner regardless of age. Scholarship information for the annual Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs is included as well as the Y.N. Awards given for exhibiting at the summer ANA convention in Atlanta. An interesting article entitled "Collecting from A to Z", some funny money of long ago, as well as a crossword puzzle are enticing to the reader. A warm invitation from Nancy Green to use the Library, and a tour of the ANA Museum are other highlights.

CSNA congratulates the ANA on their FIRST STRIKE, another fine numismatic innovation to help our collectors and officers of tomorrow.

ANA member Art Jorgensen reports outstanding success with his "Coin-for-Kids" essay contest. Three categories are open for youngsters who would like to write an original article on their favorite numismatic topic. The age groups are *under 10, 10 to 12, and 13 to 16 years of age.*

Y.N.'s who are interested, contact Mr. Jorgensen at P.O. Box 10205, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80932.

CSNA salutes this dedicated ANA member for his commitment to our **Young Numismatists.**

Coins Ruled Property, Not Money

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. gold and silver coins that are worth more than face value are not money but property, the Tax Court says.

John H. Lary of Huntsville, AL., operated "Precious Objects," a business which traded in coins, jewels and oriental rugs.

In exchange for part of his inventory, he received U.S. gold and silver coins, including double-eagle $20 gold pieces and silver dollars.

In recording the sale, Lary listed those coins at face value, even though some were worth thousands of dollars.

As a result, his business reported a loss and paid no federal income tax. The Internal Revenue Service refused to accept that accounting and other parts of Lary's tax return, and billed him for more than $55,000.

In Tax Court, Lary argued that under the law, U.S. gold and silver coins are legal tender at face value, and that the IRS is obligated to accept as their value the figure designated by Congress.

Not so, the court held. Two appellate court decisions were cited.

"Where coins have a fair market value in excess of their face value, their potential use as legal tender is irrelevant," the Tax Court wrote in a decision made public this week. Thus, for tax purposes, such coins are not money, but property.

The bottom line, the court added, is that Lary was trying to deduct a loss when no loss existed.

— San Gabriel Valley Newspaper

News, Views & Who's . . . from *Northern California*

By Lorelie Fulwider, CSNA A-3163

WHAT A SHOW CUPERTINO COIN CLUB STAGED!

Editor Al Lo said *"This was the best."* They had an expanded bourse of 65 dealers (the most they've ever had) and a sell-out of 1987 show medals a couple of hours after the show started. Pre-show sales of 1,000 tickets left less than 100 to sell at the door. Everyone's hard work really paid off. Eight members of the Youth Club entered exhibits and that too is a new record.

Exhibit winners were:
Best of Show: *Al Lo, Rulers of Hawaii;* 1st Adult: *Ken Barr, Love Tokens;* 2nd Adult: *Michael Fuertes, The Spanish Civil War; Provincial Coinage;* 3rd Adult: *Glen Jacobs, Canada Centennial;* 1st Youth: *Kelly Carolan, Susan B. Anthony;* 2nd Youth: *Bryan Lo, Animals on Coins;* 3rd Youth: *Suzanne Lo, Statue of Liberty Coins.*

Newly elected officers for 1987 are:

President - *Al Lo;* Vice President - *Ken Barr;* Youth Vice President - *Ronda Johnson;* Recording Secretary - *Nick Kocisko;* Corresponding Secretary - *Walt Mertens;* Treasurer - *Ron Ishizaki;* Historian - *Kathleen Soderstrom;* Board of Directors - *Ray Johnson, Nick Kocisko, Frank Nielsen, and Bob Donselman;* Past President - *Dan Shattuc.*

Speaking of *Dan Shattuc. . .* he is busy as usual, promoting *National Coin Week*, April 19-April 25th. He would appreciate feedback from coin clubs regarding their clubs' participation. Information may be sent to Box 70866, Sunnyvale, CA 74086.

With great sorrow CCC announced the loss of Ray Erkson. He was one of the founding fathers of the club, and a life member. He will be missed by all his friends.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB 5th ANNUAL SPRING SHOW WAS THE BEST IN YEARS

The attendance at the show held on March 7th and 8th, broke the record for the past 3 years, with 320 more attending than the closest year. Thanks went to *Gil and Earline Gutenberger, Tony Barajas, Bob DeCesaris* and *Madera de la Secoya.* A fall show is planned.

The Numismatic Study Group, a SVCC affiliate, held its fifth meeting at the home of *Bob de Cessaris.* The special guest, Bob Vail, discussed middle and late date large cents. The theme of the March meeting was the Liberty Seated design of Christia Gobrecht. *Bob Travis* created a large display of liberty seated dimes, quarters and half dollars by type.

Sacramento Valley Coin Club meets at *SMUD Service Center*, 5026 Don Julio Blvd., No. Highlands, CA at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY HOLDS 15TH ANNUAL COIN SHOW

Although I haven't heard the details of the show, I'm sure it was a success. *G. Lee Kuntz,* owner of *Masterpiece Medallions*, presented a slide show and talk entitled *To Sink a Die*, a detailed review of the design and minting process of medals.

A one-ounce, .999 fine silver medal is being struck to commemorate the club's 400th meeting. A contest for the design

was held. Designs submitted had to be either symbolic of the 400th consecutive meeting or an image portrait or wording honoring late member, *Lucky Williams.*

Ed Rochette, well known national numismatist, will be the guest speaker at the 400th meeting. His talk will be on future trends in numismatics, especially the future of the hobby in coming years.

FREMONT COIN CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL BANQUET

A fun evening was enjoyed by members of the *Fremont Coin Club* at their *Annual Awards and Installation Banquet.* Awards were given to *Roger Lyles, Faye McAlister, Mike Fox and Frank Wiczorek,* for their tireless work for the club during the year. *Don Ehler* conducted the Bingo games.

FCC meetings have included some very interesting speakers recently. *Lowell Johnson,* an attorney gave an informative talk on *Wills, Trusts and Probate of Estates* on February 10th; *Dr. George Fuld* gave a slide presentation about *Early Washington Medals and Tokens* on February 24th. Local Insurance Agent, *Cy Najjar,* spoke on insurance, with emphasis on insuring collectibles on March 10th; *Don Barsi* spoke on Silver Rounds at the March 24th meeting.

COIN-OF-THE-MONTH RAFFLE HELD AT LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

LNS inaugurated a new concept in raffles in March, when they presented their Coin-of-the-Month Raffle, which was the "brain child" of *Jim Rosen.* Each member, wishing to participate, brings a previously designated coin (Buffalo Nickels were featured in March, Indian Cents in April). Each participant is given a raffle ticket, with the winner taking all.

Dave Lange shared his knowledge of a relatively unknown aspect of Numismatics, the collection of coin albums. He presented the history of albums. *Jim Rosen* gave the members valuable instructions on the cleaning and storage of coins at the January meeting. He pointed out the importance of protecting this valuable investment.

PLANS ARE MADE FOR NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION SHOW

October 1, 2, 3 and 4, 1987 are the dates for the show being held at the *Cathedral Hill Hotel.* It will include a hunded plus table bourse, exhibits and an auction by Pacific Coast Auction Galleries.

DAVID LANGE SPEAKS AT DELTA COIN CLUB MEETING

Members of *DCC* enjoyed a slide presentation and talk by *David Lange* on *U.S. Coinage for the Philippines.* With nearly 70 people in attendance, and an interesting speaker, it was a very successful meeting. A special drawing was also held, with prizes being awarded.

President Howard Wesely offered the members a BU silver dime to anyone who had brought an item for *Show and Tell* to the January 9th meeting. *Vice President Kathy Hirning*, had the most to show without telling, according to *Editor Syd Kass.* She is expecting.

Plans are progressing for the annual Coin Show, October 17th and 18th. It was decided to stage only one show this year instead of two.

Ken Barr was the guest speaker at the April 24th meeting, and spoke on U.S. Currency.

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB HOLDS MEDALLION LOGO CONTEST

The theme for the 1987 medallion will be the Golden Gate Bridge in honor of its 50th anniversary. The logo for the obverse will remain the redwood tree.

Editor Gary Johnson has moved to Sacramento, so it was decided that the duties of the secretary will be rotated among the members.

Redwood Coin Club will hold their Coin Show October 11, 1987 , at the Veterans Auditorium in Santa Rosa.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB ON THEIR 14th ANNIVERSARY

March 25th marked the 14th Anniversary Party for *FCC.* A membership draw-

ing was held including Proof Sets of 1968, 1969 and 1972 and Mint Sets of 1984, 1985 and 1986. Bingo, birthday cake and punch were also included in this fun evening.

Karl Manthei, President of the Diablo Numismatic Society, was the speaker for the April meeting. His topic was *Premium Boards,* also known as Coin Boards, pre and early 1940s coin holders.

The club plans to have a display at the Community Library during *National Coin Week*, April 19-25.

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB HEARS TRAVELOG BY GARY HOLLOWAY

Gary Holloway is always a very popular speaker. When he spoke at the January meeting, members saw beautiful slides of Italy. Mini-exhibits that night included Italian dolls, which were brought by *Frances Wall*, and *Mel Krinsky's* recount of how he tried to take a pocketful of lire home with him and received practically everything else.

Steve Huston was featured at the February meeting. Steve had an excellent slide presentation entitled *Coinage - Earliest Greek Issues*. The slides were made from coins in the *Sothesby Auction of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York,* sold in *Zurich*, 1972.

March meeting featured *Joe Wargo*, whose topic was *Where Is the Hobby Going*. His talk was especially timely for those who plan to expand their collections in the future.

An award was presented to *Ed Fulwider* for his unselfish service to numismatics by *Mike Turrini*, who represented *Northern California Numismatic Association.*

$205.00 IS WINNING BID FOR PENINSULA COIN CLUB OFF METAL MEDAL

After an exciting number of bids, the first medal was sold for $205.00, with the second off metal medal sold for $200.00. Winning bidders were delighted with their purchases.

PCC has been using the letter "C" a lot in themes for their recent meetings. January's theme was *U.S. Coins*; February's them was *Coins of Chad* (or any other country who's name began with "C"); March's theme was *Gold Coins* and April's was *Noting Currency*.

Elections were planned for the April meeting, but the results were not available at this time.

FRESNO COIN CLUB LEARNS TECHNIQUES TO IDENTIFY ALTERED COINS

In an interesting *Educational Video on Collecting and Grading U.S. Coins,* members were taught to identify genuine, counterfeit and altered coins. The program was designed to provide to the collector, the techniques used by experts. The *ANA* was involved in the development of this 50 minute tape.

Ruth Phillips has been elected to the job of Club Historian and Curator. Ruth has requested that anyone having information about the club, contact her. *FCC* will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary in 1996 and they are making plans for that event.

The February meeting consisted of members talking about *Washington and Lincoln* items they owned. *Billy February* brought some currency with *Lincoln's* portrait and also passed around a BU roll of Lincoln cents for each member and guest to take one. *Dale Hewlett* gave a talk on *Washington* being the most reproduced portrait and shared a book on *Washington* portraits. *Phillip Nordin and John Peters* also took part in the presentation.

CONGRATULATIONS OZZIE

Napa Valley Coin Club elected *Ozzie Stout* as a Life Member, in appreciation for the interesting and informative talks he provided every month for many years.

The 23rd Annual Coin Show, March 22nd was financially very successful. They sold $2,200 worth of raffle tickets, $400 more than were sold last year. The editor of *Napa Valley Numismatic Notes*, reported "The half-hour drawing never did better."

STEAM LOCOMOTIVE FEATURED ON SAN JOSE COIN CLUB MEDAL

SJCC's silver and bronze 1987 club medals feature the steam locomotive at the *Santa Clara County Fairgrounds.* The medal design contest for the 1988 medal has begun.

Ed Sins was the featured speaker at the February meeting. His talk, *The Silver Dollar Story, Part II,* concentrated on his experiences in collecting silver dollars over the past forty years. There was no formal speaker at the January meeting, but 16 membes brought a wonderful variety of exhibits. *Larry Benson* showed an outstanding selection of slides, which he had photographed and spoke on *Washington Quarters* at the March meeting.

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY FINDS PERMANENT HOME

DNS will be meeting at the community room of *Home Federal Savings* at 1938 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

New officers are: President - *Karl Manthei;* Vice President - *Norton Glossman;* Treasurer - *Harold Zacharin;* Secretary - *Rosemary Hurych;* Board - *Sam Rumph, Stan Turrini;* Historian - *S. & J. Gifford;* Librarian - *Dale Bryant;* Editor - *David Parrish.*

Ron Krelichner presented his collection of Breweriana, the hobby of beer and brewery connected items, at the February meeting.

News, Views & Whos . . . from

Southern California

By Dr. Shelby Wagner, CSNA #3590

COIN SHOW

The Verdugo Hills Coin Club show on March 8 was well received. Bourse coordinator Rick Gordon reported in February all bourse tables sold with many on a wait-list. One-half hourly and hourly drawings were conducted. Several coin dealers donated coins to the club for prizes. The club thanks everyone who made the show a success.

CALIFORNIA 49ers

Muriel and Jim Barth of the Verdugo Hills Coin Club celebrated their 49th Wedding Anniversary in February. Congratulations and many more happy anniversaries.

A NUMISMATIST WITH A NEW DESIGN

Congratulations to Dennis Berry of the Verdugo Hills Coin Club on his engagement to Sue Bone.

WINNERS TAKE ALL

SINCON XVIII, the Society of International Numismatics show in April, was an exceptional one, indeed. The Smithsonian Exhibits "Medals Given to the Revolutionary War Heroes" created for the 1976 bicentennial and shown only in Washington, D.C., as well as the first showing of "Signers of the Constitutional Convention" received raves. Actors Richard Dysart of "L.A. Law" and Buddy Ebsen were in attendance. Silver Medal Awards were presented to Outstanding Numismatists, including Southern Californians John Lenker, Paul Borack and Charles Colver.

LOCAL HISTORY PROMO

The Glendale Coin Club members were entertained by a film *"To Mt. Lowe with Love"* at a recent meeting. To those interested in transportation, railroads, and local history, the film is very worthwhile.

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Speaking of the Glendale Coin Club, they are planning a medal to commemorate their thirtieth anniversary.

PLEASE PAY ON TIME

A number of club bulletins are plead-

ing with their members to renew their dues. A second and third notice is sent to some members. Your author suggests that everyone please pay dues as they become payable.

A NEW JUNIOR MEMBER

Congratulations to Mike and Ximena Aron of the Glendale Coin Club on the birth of their son, Matthew, born in February.

WOMEN'S LIB

Corky Ayers, always with a sharp eye for pretty ladies (right - Awanda?), recently installed the officers of Downey Numismatists. The club officers are Kay Northam, President; Lynda Richard, Vice-President; Bea Rodriguez, Secretary; Rosemary Harris, Treasurer.

APRIL 15

The Downey Numismatists featured a program by E'Allyne Pukiss, Supervisor with H & R Block. The March program dealt with taxes and the coin collections.

CSNA EDUCATIONAL FORUM

The 19th Annual CSNA Educational Symposium in March at Fullerton drew a large attendance despite inclement weather. Two speeches before lunch and two after were all equally interesting and captured the audience's attention. All young numismatists were recognized at noon and given a book on currency, a bronze Statue of Liberty Medal and a proof coin. The 20th Annual Conference will be March 19, 1988. You can mark your calendars now.

LINCOLN, A MAN FOR ALL AGES

For the past fourteen years, Dr. Larry Burgess, Director of the A.K. Smiley Library of Redlands, has addressed the San Bernardino County Coin Club on Abraham Lincoln. This annual meeting attracts many people, including a couple from Newmarket, England.

OFF AND GROWING

The Long Beach Coin Club has purchased 1000 wooden Indian nickels to promote the club. The club had forty-six names recorded on the attendance sheet in April. There were thirteen visitors introduced and thirteen members joined the club. The club attributes this growth to better publicity from their monthly newsletter, news release articles and a booth at the Long Beach Expo.

GOING, GOING, GONE

The Fontana Coin Club conducted their Annual Super Auction in March. Over two hundred articles were consigned to the auction. The reserve prices, according to more than one person, were really low.

AWARD WINNER

Congratulations to Bob Northam, member of many clubs, who is now using his literary talents to edit the *SINFORMATION (Society of International Numismatics).* Bob was awarded the Ruth Johnson Literary Award for the best article published in the West Valley Coin Club Journal in 1986.

DESIGN A TOKEN - WIN A PRIZE

The Culver City Coin Club is seeking input and information regarding producing a souvenir card for the August American Numismatic Association Atlanta convention. The winner's design will bear the initials of the designer. A special gold prize will be donated and given to the winner.

COVINA CELEBRATION

The Covina Coin Club Show was held on May 17 at the Joslyn Center in Covina. The club sells good home-made food on the one day show.

IF YOU BELIEVE THIS, I HAVE A BRIDGE TO SELL . . .

Seventeen years ago in March, William O. Wisslead was engaged to be the speaker of the Covina Club. It seems he was also engaged to Elizabeth Goodson. They were married on the day the club met. Bill felt he could not break his speaking engagement at Covina, so the newlyweds started their marriage in Covina. Each year in March the Wissleads return to Covina, somewhat like the swallows at Capistrano, or something like that.

HELP A FRIEND — ATTEND

The Pomona Valley Coin Club meets at the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of San Gabriel Valley, 2111 W. Bonita Avenue, La Verne, on the first Saturday of the month. They encourage you to attend the meetings.

UPTOWN

Along the same lines, the Upland Coin Club would like a visit from you. They meet the third Saturday at 8:00 p.m. at Magnolia Recreation Center, 651 W. 15th Street, Upland.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

The auctions at various club meetings have increased tremendously recently. The various club bulletins and my attendance at meetings has verified this fact. The Whittier Coin Club assigns two runners for each auction, in advance. Recognizing the runners is also important and we commend Whittier for naming Stanley Marshelle, Derek Glover, Crystal Griffiths, Andrew Glover, Joey Clark and Carrie Noriega for special recognition.

YOURS FOR THE ASKING

The Whittier Coin Club loans out numismatic literature at each monthly meeting. John and Scott Fratzke are in charge. Members who donate books are sincerely appreciated.

The Whittier Coin Club has issued a wooden nickel honoring the city of Whittier on its 100th birthday. You may order these at 25¢ each or 5 for $1.00 and a SASE from Esther Bromberg, 15570 E. Lambert Rd., Whittier, 90604.

SLIGHTLY OVERDUE?

In past years the San Bernardino County Coin Club had a numismatic library from which members could obtain books. Past President Lloyd "Bill" Blue recently was looking through some boxes in his garage and found a 1951 book he borrowed and failed to return. After computing the fine, Bill was asked to donate five dollars to the Youth Door Prize Fund and the fine would be forgiven. Sounds like a good deal.

NAME IN LIGHTS

Lisa Chrzanowski of the San Bernardino County Coin Club is a very prolific swimmer and has won many honors in her age group. Recently she won three medals in a swim meet in Long Beach. Her friends are anxiously awaiting seeing her name in the Junior Olympics.

HOW DO YOU SPELL SUCCESS?

Over 1000 people attended the San Bernardino County Coin Club Coin and Hobby Show in January, even though it rained most of the day.

A TIP OF THE HAT

The San Bernardino County Coin Club honored those members with 25 years or more of membership within the club. Although space prohibits the naming of the individuals, thirty-six members were honored.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Dillan and Clare Frost of the West Valley Coin Club celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in April. Club members and friends were pleased to honor two very active members of the club.

AND HE'S SO YOUNG

The West Valley Coin Club recently gave Life Membership #18 to Dr. Walter Ostromecki, Jr. for his countless hours of service to the club over many years. He is the youngest person ever to receive this prestigious award.

NICE GOING, CLUBS!

Two of the club bulletins (Whittier and West Valley) have taken the opportunity to include biographies of members. Each month the clubs will spotlight a member. This will allow everyone in the club to get to know the members more closely. This editor supports such a valuable service.

A WINNING LADY

Congratulations to Kim Wagner, Orange County Coin Club, on being named Valedictorian of her graduating class in June. Kim also won first prize in a Bank of America contest, winning $2,000 for her application of academic achievements.

GETTING THEIR HEALTH BACK

LBCC members Ken Thompson and Gwenn Heistand are recovering from surgery. Covina Coin Club member George Van Horn is better. Also improved are L. George Mouhtouris, Ruby Heiner, Harold Schoening and Bryan Burke from the San Bernardino County Coin Club.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

San Diego Numismatic Society celebrated their official birthday at the June meeting with a Spaghetti dinner and Other Hobby Night.

The club had their 596th meeting in April and have ordered wooden pieces to celebrate the 600th. Distribution will be made at the August meeting; be sure to attend!

IN MEMORIAM

George Kanoti and Mary Gillespie (mother of Nona Moore) Fontana United Numismatists; Velma Reinoehl, Verdugo Hills Coin Club; Cliff Roth, Israel Num. Soc. of Los Angeles; wife of Cloyce Nelson and father of Dale Snyder, Downey Numismatists; Ted Torkelson and Ed Glover, West Valley Coin Club; and Joseph Courreges, Orange County Coin Club.

Speaker's Platform

BILL AUTH
"8,000 Buttons & Badges of the 20's & 30's"
Downey Coin Club

AL BABER
"Programs on the History of 50 Years of the San Diego Numismatic Society."
San Diego Numismatic Society

RICHARD BASLER
"A Bushel of Apples - The Coinage of the Julio Claudians"
Culver City Coin Club

LLOYD BEAUCHAINE
"Pompei, Once There was a City"
S.C.A.N.S.

DR. LARRY BURGESS
"Lincoln and His Friends"
San Bernardino Co. Coin Club
"Lincoln - It's a Birthday"
Fontana United Numismatists

NORMAN CHRZANOWSKI
"Peace Dollars"
San Bernardino Co. Coin Club

CHARLES COLVER
"Washington in Numismatics"
Los Angeles Coin Club
"Home Town Banknotes"
Verdugo Hills Coin Club
"No Name Program"
Orange Co. Coin Club

ARNOLD COWAN
"Survey of Confederate Currency"
Long Beach Coin Club

JACK DETWILER
"New York City Merchants"
Orange Co. Coin Club

HAROLD DONALD
"Comparing Profiles"
S.C.A.N.S.

DR. TOM FITZGERALD
"Original Philadelphia Mint"
West Valley Coin Club
"Wooden Medals"
Israel Num. Soc. of Los Angeles
"Lincoln and Numismatics"
Covina Coin Club

ESTHER GOLDBERG
"Tips on Security and Self Protection"
Whittier Coin Club

LAWRENCE GOLDBERG
"Preview of Buddy Ebsen Collection"
West Valley Coin Club

ROY IWATA
"Hobo Nickels"
Long Beach Coin Club

DAVE JONES
"Japanese Coinage"
Coineers Coin Club

HAROLD KATZMAN
"California Missions"
San Bernardino Co. Coin Club
Culver City Coin Club
"Collecting PNC's"
Fontana United Numismatists

LLOYD LINDEMER
"Gaming Tokens"
Coineers Coin Club

DICK MARTIN
"Changing Times"
Coineers Coin Club

NICK MAGNANO
"Money of Italy"
San Gabriel Valley Coin Club

MARIN OSTROMECKI
"Confederate Currency"
Verdugo Hills Coin Club

BILL RANDOLPH
"Blacks in Numismaties"
San Gabriel Valley Coin Club

GEORGE RUSSELL
"Coins of Lundy"
Bay Cities Coin Club

BOB SCOTT
"Trends in the Hobby Today"
Bay Cities Coin Club
Culver City Coin Club
Long Beach Coin Club

BILL SPENGLER
"Mysterious Coins from the East"
Covina Coin Club

DR. JOHN VENABLE
"Wonderful World of Norman Rockwell"
Bay Cities Coin Club
Los Angeles Coin Club
Mr. Jefferson's Monticello"
Downey Coin Club
"U.S. Coins of Silver and Gold"
Verdugo Hills Coin Club

DR. SHELBY WAGNER
"Capturing the Silver Market: The Hunt Style"
Israel Num. Soc. of Los Angeles
Northrop Coin Club

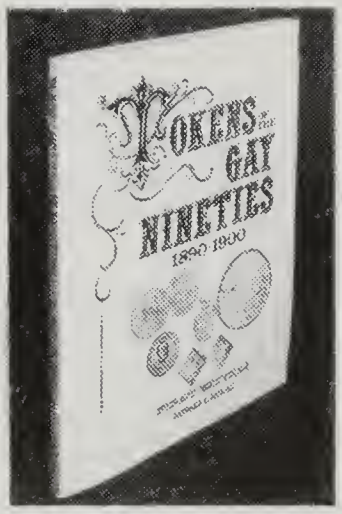
CARLTON WALKER
"Aneient Coins, Part 2"
Los Angeles Coin Club

BOB WELLING
"U.S. Commemoratives"
Santa Barbara Coin Club

WILLIAM O. WISSLEAD
"Why 1873?"
West Valley Coin Club
"Ships on Coins, Medals and Tokens"
Whittier Coin Club

JERRY YAHALOM
"Egyptian Coins in Use in Palatine"
Israel Num. Soc. of Los Angeles

Between the Bookends



Tokens of the Gay Nineties, 1890-1900, by Russell Rulau has been recently published by Krause Publications, Iola, Wisconsin.

The 160-plus page softbound volume is liberally illustrated with over 1,000 original photographs of tokens, store cards, medalets and advertising pieces from an eleven-year era spanning from 1890 through 1900. The volume catalogs the current market prices of Gay Nineties Tokens in up to four grades of preservation.

According to author Rulau, the period between 1890 and 1900 was, "an age of carefree innocence in an industrializing America, which came of age with the Columbian Exposition of 1893 and the Spanish/American War of 1898. There is a gaiety, a *joie de vivre*, a good old summertime feeling associated with the decade of the Nineties.

Tokens of the Gay Nineties should appeal to nostalgia and antique buffs, as well as coin and token collectors, due to the abundance of specimens from this popular era which can be found in old button boxes, attics, flea markets and through the use of metal detectors.

Following the pattern of his earlier token references, Rulau has included extensive historical footnotes under the tokens of many issuers. A complete index and bibliography are also included.

Assisting Rulau in this landmark effort as special consultants were numismatists Gregory Brunk, Rich Hartzog, Joseph Schmidt and Steve Tannenbaum.

Contact Krause Publications, Iola, Wisconsin 54900 or Russell Rulau, (715) 445-3581.

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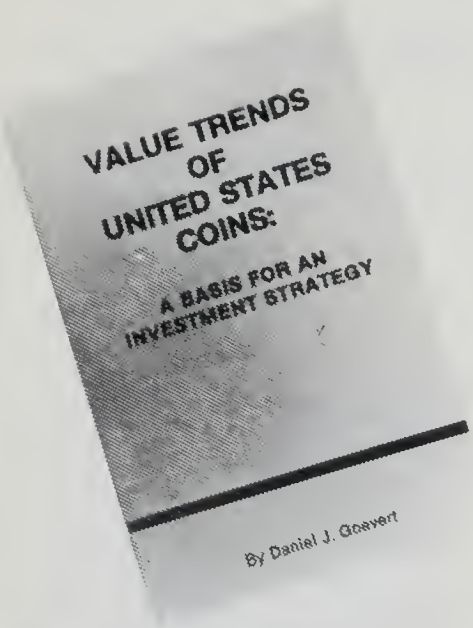

Value Trends of United States Coins: A Basis for an Investment Strategy is the latest and truly one of the most comprehensive of all books ever compiled concerning coin collecting and investing. Contained in the 627 page text are tables charting values of virtually all collectible U.S. coins. The values are recorded at various intervals from 1950 to 1986, with most coins listed in a wide array of conditions, ranging from "Good to Proof". To facilitate comparisons of performance between different conditions of a particular date, or between two or more coins, the tables include per cent change calculations from one time period studied to the next, plus an overall per cent increase from 1950 to 1986.

The value tables are arranged by denomination, beginning with the half cent coins, all the way through the $20 gold issues, followed by a study of commemoratives, mint sets and proof sets.

In addition, there are chapters discussing the coin market and how it relates to the general economy, value cycles, coin grading, buying and selling coins, coin preservation, the joys of collecting, a brief history of American coinage and much more.

This handy reference volume is priced at $19.95 postpaid (Kansas residents must add $1.00 for sales tax), and is available through Heritage Coin Books, P.O. Box 20019, Wichita, Kansas 67208-1019.

GERMAN TOKENS

Jerry F. Schimmel of San Francisco has made available a ninety page catalogue and introduction to German tokens oriented to American and Canadian collectors. Listings focus on beer and brewery items as well as merchant, military (both German and U.S.) and cooperative society issues among others. More than seven hundred items are listed by town.

Mr. Schimmel is the author of other works on world tokens, e.g. French Tokens (1980), Costa Rica Tokens (1984) and U.S. State Issued Sales Tax Tokens, (1980).

Further information on quantity prices may be obtained by writing Jerry F. Schimmel, P.O. Box 40888, San Francisco, CA 94140.

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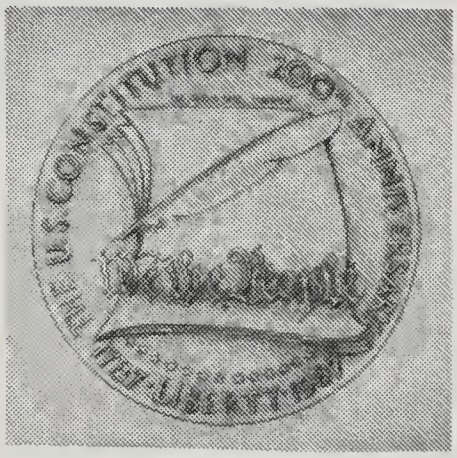
UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION BICENTENNIAL COINS

Designs for coins to commemorate the bicentennial of the United States Constitution have been selected by the Secretary of the Treasury, James A. Baker, III. The work of Marcel Jovine of New Jersey and that of Patricia Lewis Verani of New Hampshire was chosen to appear on the coins.

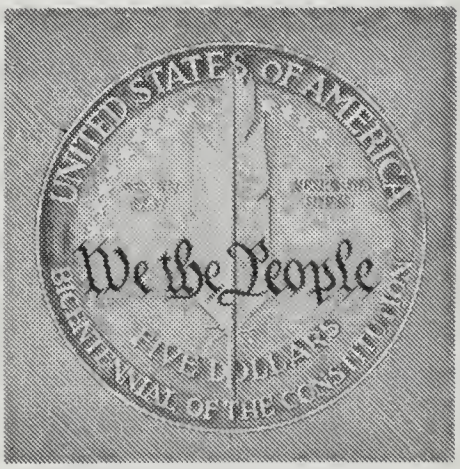
Marcel Jovine's designs will appear on the five dollar gold coin. Patricia Lewis Verani created the designs for the silver coin with a face value of one dollar.



One Dollar Silver Obverse

One Dollar Silver Reverse

Five Dollar Gold Obverse



Five Dollar Gold Reverse

Congress directed the Mint to produce these coins with the Bicentennial of the Constitution Coin Act of 1986. The Act provides for up to one million gold coins and ten million silver dollars to be struck.

The designs selected by Secretary Baker were the product of a limited competition among eleven artists invited to participate by the Treasury. Additionally, the Mint's own staff of sculptors was invited to submit designs. The competition had been recommended by the Commission of Fine Arts.

The Treasury consulted with both the Commission of Fine Arts and the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, and provided each with the designs for their review.

Production has been scheduled to begin in June, 1987. The coins will be available for sale to the public later this summer at participating banks and retail stores. The Mint will also offer the coins to customers on its mailing list.

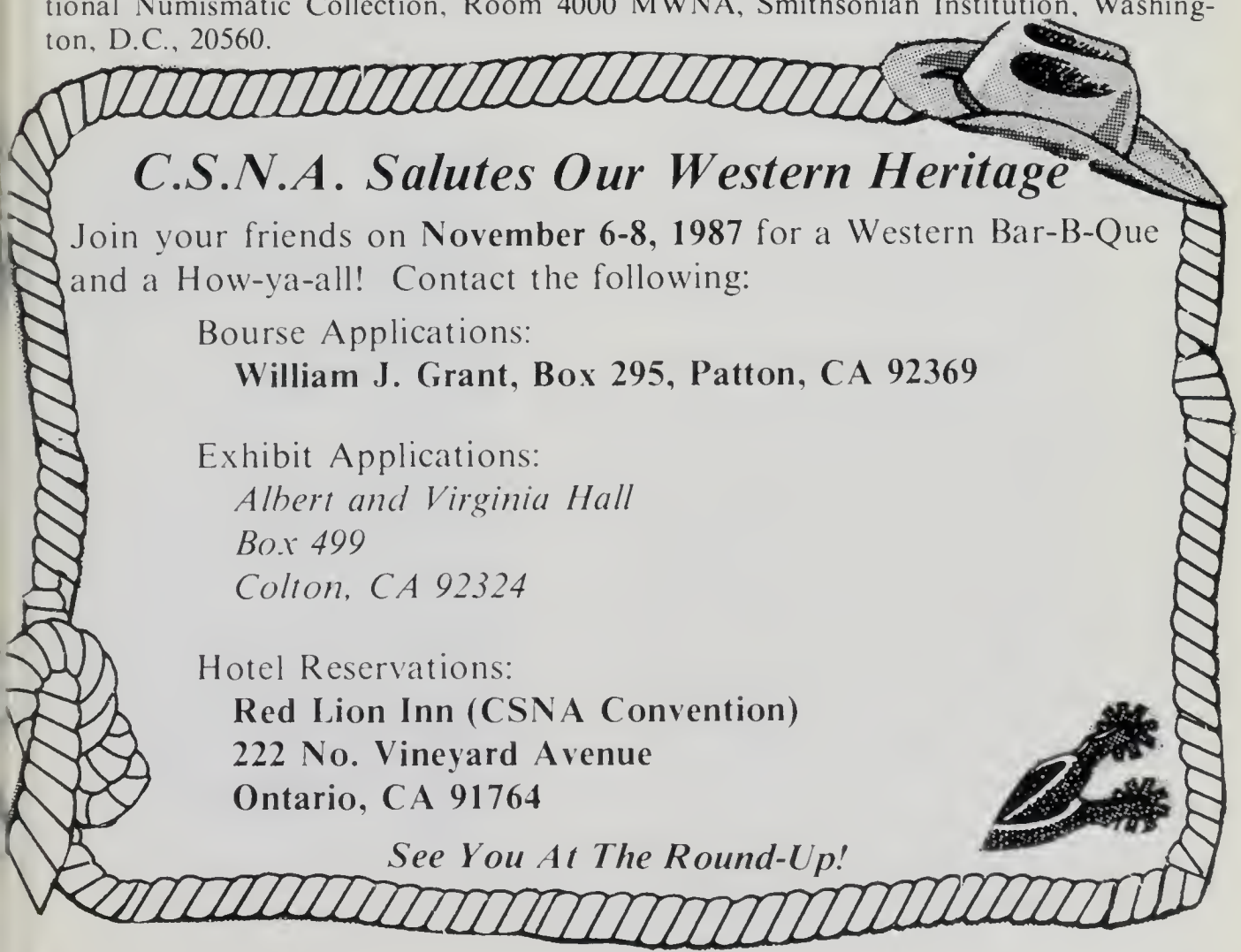
FIDEM '87
XXI WORLD CONGRESS AND EXPOSITION

More than 500 participants from as many as thirty countries are expected to converge on Colorado Springs, Colorado in September to attend the XXI World Congress and Exposition of **FIDEM '87**. Attendees will be distinguished medallic artists and sculptors, directors of world mints, museum curators, educators, art critics, and collectors of medallic art.

Hosted by the American Numismatic Association, the exposition boasts a display of nearly 2,000 pieces of contemporary medallic art from around the world. Americans will be able to see examples unlike anything ever shown in this country — some actually being three-dimensional miniature sculptures rather than round, traditional-type medals. The five-day event also includes workshops, demonstrations of various techniques, illustrated lectures on creative approaches, and papers offering views on the state of medallic art in various countries.

Headquartered in Paris, **FIDEM** is an international organization of medallists, mints and museums that was founded in 1937 to advance medallic art by encouraging artistic experimentation. The Congress and Exposition has been held every two years (with the exception of the years during World War II) in major art centers throughout Europe. The 21st World Congress in 1987 will mark the first time **FIDEM** has come to the United States.

The Metropolitan Washington (D.C.) Numismatic Association, Inc. recently announced it is sponsoring two scholarships in the amount of $400 each for the purpose of assisting art students in attending the 50th Anniversary Congress and Exposition of the International Federation of the Medal **(FIDEM)**, September 11-15, 1987. Applications should be sent to **FIDEM '87**, Inc., attention of steering committee member Cory Gillilland, National Numismatic Collection, Room 4000 MWNA, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., 20560.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Join your friends on November 6-8, 1987 for a Western Bar-B-Que and a How-ya-all! Contact the following:
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William J. Grant, Box 295, Patton, CA 92369
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Colton, CA 92324
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Ontario, CA 91764
See You At The Round-Up!

The Secretary's Report

Ethel Lenhert, CSNA 1564

New Members

(1 February 1987 through 30 April 1987)

5081 BADAL, Robert ..... 102 Argonne Ave., #2, Long Beach, CA 90803
(sponsored by Virginia Hall)

5082 CELLI, George C. ..... 1538 27th Ave., Oakland, CA 94601
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(sponsored by Albert K. Hall)

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5085 BURNS, Richard ..... 1549 W. 7th St., Apt. 111, Upland, CA 91786
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5087 WEISBAUM, Jim ..... 715 Novalda Rd., Alhambra, CA 91801
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5088 MADDOX, James H. ..... 1206 47th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122
(sponsored by Virginia Hall)

5089 GOLDMAN, Al ..... 4 Sorrel Lane, San Carlos, CA 94070
(sponsored by Albert K. Hall)

5090 JOHANNSEN, Murray ..... 1839 Corinth Ave., #1, Los Angeles, CA 90025
(sponsored by Albert K. Hall)

5091 CONRAD, Toni ..... 158 Loretto Ct., Claremont, CA 91711
(sponsored by the secretary)

5092 PARKER, Del ..... P.O. Box 998, Mercer Island, WA 98040
(sponsored by W.J. Grant)

5093 VALENZIANO, Don, Jr. ..... P.O. Box 66515, Chicago, IL 60666
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5094 MOORE, Randall J. ..... 8368-E Via Sonoma, La Jolla, CA 92037
(sponsored by Virginia Hall)

5095 SPENGLER, William F. ..... P.O. Box 9010, Madison, WI 53715
(sponsored by Virginia Hall)

5096 FRONTIER COINS .....
(sponsored by the secretary)

5097 CAMPER, Randy L. .....
(sponsored by Dave Cieniewicz)

5098 CLEMENT, Gary L. ..... 416 Gateway #3, Pacifica, CA 94044
(sponsored by Bill Davis)

5099 WOLFGRAM, Ken ..... 1400 Coleman Ave., #B11, Santa Clara, CA 95050
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5100 MORGAN, Bill .....
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5101 ALTMAN, Richard C. ..... 3744 7th Ave., Suite G, San Diego, CA 92103
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5102 BRIWBM, Jurby W. ..... P.O. Box 1642, Stockton, CA 95201
(sponsored by Ken Barr)

5103 ANDERSON, Jim ..... 3102 Roxanne Ave., Long Beach, CA 90802
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RESIGNED

4013 Betts, S. Hedley
4371 Bennett, William S.
4927 Nichols, Emil D.

REINSTATEMENTS

LM 18-3 Joel D. Rettew
4217 Hunt, David W.

ADDRESS UNKNOWN

2989 Bishop, Bruce
4613 Glover, James W., Sr.
A4745 Glover, Bernadine L.
4998 Barney, Bob
5000 Dalton, Robert
5001 Lapia, Tony
4999 Paulick, Chris
4997 Paulick, Gene
5030 Smith, Conrad

DECEASED

4816 Krakover, Philip
LM 502 Henkel, William J.

Membership on 31 January 1987	1197
New Members (1 February through 7 May 1987)	23
Reinstatements	2
Resigned	3
Deceased	2
Address Unknown	9
Drop for non-payment of 1987 dues	127
Membership Total	1081
Life Members	151

VOTE **For California Representation** **VOTE**

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1983 ANA Convention in San Diego

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Calendar of Numismatic Events

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

November 6-8, 1987 ..... 81st Convention & Coin Show
Red Lion Inn, Ontario Airport, Ontario, CA.
General Chairman, G. Lee Kuntz, 697 Scripps Dr., Claremont 91711
Exhibits: Albert & Virginia Hall, Box 499, Colton 92324
Host: Upland Coin Club

March 19, 1988 ..... 20th Educational Symposium
Griswold's Inn, Freeway #91 at Raymond, Fullerton
Director of Education: Dr. Tom Fitzgerald, Box 4144, Covina 91723

May 20-22, 1988 ..... 82nd Convention & Coin Show
San Jose Convention Center, Market St. and Park Ave., San Jose
General Chairman, Ken Barr, Box 32541, San Jose 95152
Host: San Jose Coin Club

November 4-6, 1988 ..... 83rd Convention & Coin Show
Red Lion Inn, Ontario Airport, Ontario, CA.
General Chairman, William J. Grant, P.O. Box 295, Patton 92369
Host: San Bernardino County Coin Club

W.J. Grant, BOURSE COORDINATOR, P.O. Box 295, Patton, CA 92369
To be contacted for bourse applications to any CSNA convention

OTHERS

June 21, 1987 ..... 27th Annual Collectible Show
California Exonumist Society
Griswold's Inn, Freeway #91 at Raymond, Fullerton
General Chairman: Albert Baber, 611 Oakwood Way, El Cajon 92021

July 11-12, 1987 ..... 30th Annual Coinarama
San Diego County Interclub Numismatic Council
Scottish Rite Memorial Center, Mission Valley, San Diego
Bourse Chairman: Kay Lenker, Box 6599, San Diego 92106

July 25-26, 1987 ..... 29th Annual Coin Show
Santa Barbara Coin Club, Miramar Hotel Convention Center
U.S. 101 at San Ysidro Rd., Montecito
Bourse: Ron J. Gillio, c/o Western Coin, 1013 State St., Santa Barbara 93101.

August 2, 1987 ..... Annual Coin Show
Fremont Coin Club
Elk's Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont
Bourse: Vincent Lacariere, Box 1401, Fremont 94538

August 26-30, 1987 ..... 96th Anniversary Convention
American Numismatic Association
Georgia World Congress Center, Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel, Atlanta, GA.
General Chairman: Radford Stearns, 5400 Lawrenceville Hwy, Lilburn, GA. 30247

October 1-4, 1987 ..... 26th Annual Convention
Northern California Numismatic Association
Cathedral Hill Hotel, Van Ness & Geary, San Francisco, CA.
Bourse: Ron Miller, 3769 Peralta Blvd., Fremont 94536

October 10-11, 1987 ..... 30th Annual Coin-O-Rama
Sacramento Valley Coin Club
Beverly Garland Hotel, 1780 Tribute Road (I-80 near Cal. Expo), Sacramento
Bourse: Dennis Pacheco, Box 397, Roseville 95661

October 11, 1987 ..... 23rd Annual Coin-A-Rama
Redwood Empire Coin Club
Veterans Memorial Bldg., 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa
Information: William Feist, Box 2811, Santa Rosa, CA 95405

October 17-18, 1987 ..... 23rd Annual Coin Show
Delta Coin Club, Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon St., Stockton
Information: DCC, 1301 Midvale Rd., Lodi, Cal. 95240